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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING GRANT AWARD AND
FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM A COLLABORATION OF THE ROBERT
WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION AND THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS FOR THE HEALTH
IMPACT PROJECT: ADVANCING SMARTER POLICIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES FOR
THE ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2015
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming grant award and future awards and/or amendments from a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts to support the Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Grant Award (GA) from a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts (RWJF & Pew), to support the Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities for the anticipated period of February 28, 2013 through February 27, 2015, at an estimated amount of \$125,000 per year, with a required matching fund or in-kind support in a minimum of \$100,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO which may include a provision for mutual indemnification.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the provisions and requirements of the GA referenced above

ADOPTED

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that extend the term through February 27, 2016, at an amount determined by RWJF & Pew; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through August 30, 2016; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by CEO Risk Management as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Program grant from RWJF & Pew to support the Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities and enable DPH to conduct HIAs and develop sustainable, self-supporting HIA programs in Los Angeles County (LAC). HIAs use a flexible, data-driven approach to help inform policy-makers of the potential health effects of proposed policies, programs, plans, and projects in order to make decisions that reduce unnecessary health risks, improve health, and ultimately, decrease health and social costs. This GA may include a provision for mutual indemnification.

DPH will create a Health Impact Evaluation Center (HIEC) to develop and sustain the HIA capacity, relationships, and systems needed for the HIA program. The new HIEC will include key personnel from DPH's Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention (CDIP), Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology (OHAE), and Office of Planning and Evaluation (OPE) to provide an organizational structure for conducting HIA and policy-related activities. Key partners will be the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and University of Southern California (USC) Clinical and Translational Science Institutes (CTSI) that will provide faculty and student support for HIA projects.

The grant requires completion of two HIAs during the project period. The first HIA will focus on assessing best practices and evidence-based policies or programs for addressing school truancy in Los Angeles County. Due to recent changes in LAC's Informal Juvenile and Traffic Courts in June 2012, truancy citations are now processed through the County's Probation Department or handled as part of school disciplinary protocols. The HIA will enable HIEC to develop best options to manage truancy. Adding an assessment of health can highlight additional criteria that can be used to influence this decision-making process. The HIA may identify additional policy or programmatic options, not already under consideration, that could positively impact both academic achievement and health among students.

The second HIA will focus on assessing the potential impact of providing free bus passes to students. The LAC School Attendance Task Force (SATF) is interested in developing a program to further subsidize the cost of bus passes for low-income students in order to increase school attendance, and is looking for opportunities to discuss this potential action with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. This HIA will focus on assessing the potential academic, health, and economic impacts of further subsidizing the cost of student bus passes.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming GA to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those

instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming GA from RWJF & Pew for the anticipated period of February 28, 2013 through February 27, 2015, in the estimated annual amount of \$125,000. Funds will be used to support DPH personnel cost (salaries and employee benefits) and operating expenses.

The award requires a matching fund or in-kind support in a minimum of \$100,000. DPH will meet this requirement with in-kind salaries supported by net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 21, 2012, DPH submitted a brief proposal in response to a Call for Proposals (CFP) released in August 2012 by the Health Impact Project sponsored by the RWJF & Pew. The purpose of the CFP was to encourage the use of health impact assessments to help decision-makers identify the potential health effects of proposed policies, projects, and programs, and make recommendations that enhance their health benefits and minimize their adverse effects and any associated costs.

On October 15, 2012, DPH was notified by the Health Impact Project to submit a full proposal by December 14, 2012. On December 14, 2012, DPH submitted a full proposal to the Health Impact Project.

The GA will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. CEO RM will review and approve the GA which may include a provision for mutual indemnification.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds from the RWJF & Pew to conduct HIAs and develop sustainable, self-supporting HIA programs in LAC.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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County Counsel
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